

MINUTES
ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

July 19, 2000
Room 4B – Heber Wells Building

Convened: 8:00 am

Adjourned: 10:40 am

Division Staff Present:

Legal Counsel
Division Director
Bureau Manager
Board Secretary

Ray Walker (as indicated)
A. Gary Bowen
Daniel T. Jones
Tanja Salazar

Members Present:

Douglas Paul Barney, MD
Kris Justesen, Lic. Acupuncturist, Chairperson (as indicated)
Natalie Clausen, Lic. Acupuncturist (as indicated)

Members Absent:

Alex Parra
Robert Baer, MD

Guests Present:

Sunny Cooper, Life Circles School of Healing Arts
(as indicated)
Gary Grubb, Lic. Acupuncturist (as indicated)
Richard Wells (as indicated)
Doug Borba, Dept. Director (as indicated)

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Minutes of October 29, 1997

Minutes of January 19, 2000

Discussion re: Advertising

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

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Mr. Walker explained the legislative history since 1994 regarding acupuncture being practiced by chiropractic physicians. He stated that the Chiropractic Act actually enumerates what the chiropractic physician may and may not do; since the Act does not say that chiropractic physicians may not do acupuncture, the Division interprets the statute to mean chiropractic physicians may use acupuncture in their practices. He said that the Division is not the forum for disputing this issue.

Mr. Walker addressed the issue of advertisement language used by chiropractic physicians, who use acupuncture in their practices. He stated that these

practitioners could not use the term “acupuncturist” in their advertisements, but could use the term “acupuncture”. Mr. Walker added that misleading or false advertisement would be considered “unprofessional conduct” and would be pursued by the Division.

Ms. Justesen and Ms. Clausen joined the meeting.

Mr. Walker advised the Board to either go to the Legislature to pursue changing the Chiropractic Practice Act, or have the Task Force meet and address the issues of how much education should be required for a chiropractic physician to safely practice acupuncture, what restrictions should be placed on chiropractic assistants, and should chiropractic physicians be limited to specific acupuncture modalities commensurate with their education. He also suggested clarifying the definition of unprofessional conduct in order for the Division to pursue complaints. Mr. Grubb stated that the State of New York is working on a similar issue and is looking at requiring chiropractic physicians to have at least 300 hours of acupuncture training to use it in their practices; he added that it appears this is a trend in other states. Mr. Grubb said he would supply the Division with this information in time for the Task Force meeting.

Discussion re: Removing Board Members

Ms. Clausen made a motion to remove and replace Mr. Parra and Dr. Baer from the Acupuncture Licensing Board. Dr. Barney seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Borba left the meeting.

Sunny Cooper
Life Circles School of Healing Arts
Master’s of Acupuncture Program

Ms. Cooper presented herself to the Board, explaining her background and her purpose for meeting with the Board. She stated that she has designed a Master’s of Acupuncture Program to meet Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) accreditation standards. Ms. Cooper stated that since there is no acupuncture school in the area, the Board of Regents was unsure how to evaluate Ms.

Cooper's proposal and wanted the Acupuncture Licensing Board's endorsement. Ms. Cooper presented the Board with a summary of the proposed Master of Acupuncture program. The Board was in agreement that it would need a more detailed description of the classes which will be offered as well as the resumes of the proposed faculty members before the it could make an informed decision to endorse the program. **Mr. Jones stated he would get this information to the Board members so they could review it at another time.**

Ms. Cooper, Mr. Grubb, and Mr. Wells left the meeting.

Discussion re: Task Force

Mr. Jones stated that the Task Force would meet on August 15, 2000, at 9:00 am. He said he has selected the members, but some adjustments might need to be made. Dr. Barney stated that the goal of the Task Force should be to decide what basic training is required to provide basic treatment. He mentioned that if the Task Force would be able to increase the training hours required by a chiropractic physician to practice acupuncture to 200 or 300 hours, it would be cost prohibitive to someone unless he/she was truly interested in acupuncture.

Applications Approved by the Division

Carol E. Meyer
Pete C. Thorson

Next Meeting

A date for the next Board meeting was not scheduled at this time.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Acupuncture Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Div. of Occupational & Professional Licensing

Date Approved

Assist. Director, Div. of Occupational & Professional
Licensing

Date Approved

Director, Div. of Occupational & Professional
Licensing